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**Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg Comments on
September Job Creation Numbers from U.S. Department of Labor**

“Today the Department of Labor announced that our economy is continuing to grow, expand, and create jobs. With today’s news that 51,000 new jobs were created nationwide in the month of September, job growth has now continued for 37 straight months and the unemployment rate continues to fall.

“Since August 2003, the economy has grown at an average annual rate of 3.7% and just this week we saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average close at an all-time high. These economic successes are not happening by accident. They are the result of Congress and the Administration implementing pro-growth economic policies that have allowed businesses to innovate and expand and empowered consumers. We must continue these policies so that our economy continues to grow and create even more jobs.”

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